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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNAVOIDABLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(b))**

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☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

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The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) of \$ 700 (Fee Code 1557) must be paid as a condition of accepting unavoidably delayed payment of the maintenance fee.SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 700

5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

☒ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ 2430☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ the sum of \$ _____☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

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☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any maintenance fee, surcharge or petition fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. _____

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9. PETITIONER(S) REQUESTS THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.

Signature(s) of Petitioner(s)

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ENCLOSURES:



Maintenance Fee Payment



Statement why maintenance fee was not paid timely



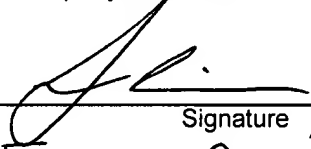
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09595473

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STATEMENT

(In the space below, please provide the showing of unavoidable delay recited in paragraph 8 above.)

Attachment

To Whom It May Concern: Application # 09595473

My Name is Frances Simmons; I have a U.S. Patent with your office#6378463. My reason for writing your office at this time is to save my patent. I have not made a payment concerning my maintenance fees, reason why I been out of work since 2005 but God is Good!!! I shared my situation with my family and friends last year 2009, it was hard to talk about my misfortune to them.

It took some time but thanks to my brother he finally came around to help with this situation. Please accept my payment; I have not abandoned my patent. I now have the support to continue my mission. There is not a day go by I don't think about my invention. I might have delayed my payment but please don't denied my purpose to see this invention on a store shelf. This investment was my life saving and I believe, this is it...please allow this dream to happen. In closing I, would like to thank you in advance for your consideration, If you have any questions please call me at 773-507-9000.

Sincerely



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